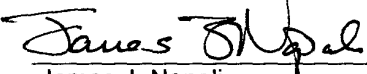
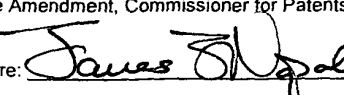




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Applicant(s): Fulvio Boldrini				Art Unit 1734	
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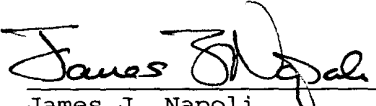
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**AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Examination and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.